

JUSTIFICATION FOR SINGLE SOURCE AWARDS IAW FAR 13.106-1
(OVER MICRO-PURCHASE THRESHOLD(\$3K) BUT NOT EXCEEDING THE SAT (\$150K))

IAW [FAR13.104](#), COs must promote competition to the maximum extent practicable to obtain supplies and services from the source whose offer is the most advantageous to the Government, considering the administrative cost of the purchase. When competition is not practicable, IAW [FAR13.106-1\(b\)](#), COs solicit from a single source for purchases not exceeding the simplified acquisition threshold. COs may solicit from one source if the CO determines that the circumstances of the contract action deem only one source reasonably available (e.g., urgency, exclusive licensing agreements, brand-name or industrial mobilization). IAW [FAR13.106-3\(b\)\(3\)](#), COs are required to include additional statements **explaining the absence of competition** (see [13.106-1](#) for brand name purchases) if only one source is solicited and the acquisition does not exceed the simplified acquisition threshold (does not apply to an acquisition of utility services available from only one source) or supporting the award decision if other than price-related factors were considered in selecting the supplier. This template when completed can be used to document single source awards IAW [FAR13.106-3\(b\)\(3\)](#). Note: Statements such as "only known source" or "only source which can meet the required delivery date" are inadequate to support a sole source purchase.

1. PURCHASE REQUEST OR REQUISITION NUMBER:

570-15-1-226-0003

**1A. PROJECT/TASK
NUMBER**

N/A

1B. ESTIMATED AMOUNT:

2. BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF SUPPLIES OR SERVICES REQUIRED AND THE INTENDED USE:

The VA Central Healthcare System (VACCHCS) require an existing commercial off the shelf web based, ACP Medicine, American Journal of Epidemiology, British Journal of Psychiatry, Chest, CMAJ(Canadian Medical Association Journal), Diabetes Care, Drug Facts and Comparisons, Pocket Version 2013, Diabetes, Endocrine Reviews, European Heart Journal, Herbal Medicines, Journal of Bone and Joint Surgery - American Volume Bundle, The Bone & Joint Journal, Journal of Clinical Endocrinology and Metabolism, Journal of Clinical Investigation, Journal of Family Practice, Journal of the National Cancer Institute, Oxford Handbook of Psychiatry, Ovid User License (Online), Psychiatry in the Elderly, Seminars in Neurology and Seminars in Liver Disease that will be made available throughout the IP range of the VA Central Healthcare System (VACCHCS).

3. UNIQUE CHARACTERISTICS THAT LIMIT AVAILABILITY TO ONLY ONE SOURCE, WITH THE REASON NO OTHER SUPPLIES OR SERVICES CAN BE USED:

The unique characteristics that limit the requirement to Ovid Technology are that they are the only vendors that can provide the unique academic journal and book collection that is needed by VA Central Healthcare System (VACCHCS). In addition, the VA is currently subscribed to Ovid Technologies and changing the subscription to another vendor will accumulate additional fee and hosting fee.

4. REASON THAT SUGGESTED SOURCE IS THE ONLY SOURCE, WHICH CAN PROVIDE THE SUPPLIES OR SERVICES:

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5. DESCRIPTION OF MARKET RESEARCH CONDUCTED AND RESULTS OR STATEMENT WHY IT WAS NOT CONDUCTED:

Market Research was conducted by searching and reviewing FBO, FPDS, and eCMS. The GSA website was also reviewed for existing vendors that provided the stated requirements. It was determined that the product was not available on GSA. It was determined that this product is only available from one source Ovid Technologies Inc. and no other provider will satisfy agency requirements.